WITNESSES MISSING IN MISS. LYNCHING CASE

Biddle Says Cruel Slaying Beyond Jurisdiction

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Bare Majority Would Give Race Equal Job Opportunity

Forrestal Gets

Queries Raised

Asserts Real

Cause Of Trial

Is Not Apparent

NEW YORK - (SNS) - As

result of the action of the Twelfth

Naval District in singling out an even fifty Negro sailors to be charged with mutiny for refusal to load ammunition at the Mare

NAACP Counsel, Thurgood Mar-

Navy Department, in his letter to Secretary, James V. Forrestal.

After spending twelve days in-

vestigating circumstances and re-

viewing testimony of the Sea-

men being at Yerba Buenna Is-

land, California, Mr. Marshall

declared "These men are being

tried for mutiny solely because of

Not spare in his commendation,

nificant factors underlying the

real cause of accusations brought

apparent. Mindful of the issues at

letter to Secretary of the Navy,

ing the trial, I made an investi-

the incidents leading up to the

Port Chicago explosion and con-

impartial investigation

their incidental."

CAUSE HIDDEN

shall, has requested through and

By Legal Counsel

Only 51% Think **Negroes Should Be Given Chance**

Ability Should Be Determinant, Say 43 Per Cent

DENVER, - (S N S) - A bare majority of white Americans are to see Negroes have the same kind of jobs they themselves have, while 43 per cent would be willing to have Negroes with better training occupy a higher position, according to survey results released Saturday by the National Opinion Research Center, Univer-

question of a representative crosssection of white Americans:

"If a Negro with the same training had the same kind of job as you at the place where you worked, would it be all right with you, Qualified Answer

Wouldn't like it

ASKED SECOND QUERY The 51% who answered

right" were then asked: "If a Negro with more training had a better job than you at the place where you worked, would it be all right with you, or wouldn't you like it?" Three per cent have no opinion on this question, 7 per cent object to the idea, and 1 per cent qualify their answers, leaving 43 PER CENT WILLING TO SEE A NE-GRO GET A BETTER JOB THAN A WHITE WORKER.

There is a high degree of consistency among white Americans on this question of equal opportunities to get jobs. NORC asked a third question to measure the at- CLEVELAND, OHIO GUEST titude toward the general problem: "Do you think Negroes should

have as good a chance as whites for any kind of job, or should whites have first chance?" Negroes should have equal chance

Whites should have first chance Undecided

Compaison of responses shows (Continued on back page)

Men Critically Hurt

Leroy Ratliff and Hamlin Holden of Crystal Springs were critically with a switch engine at the rail-Jackson, early Saturday afternoon.

Rushed to the Jackson Infirmary, and with a fine chance of recovery. Ohio Federation of Colored Wom-Tag War Funds Committee

Posthumous Award For Aviation Hero



Laird of Brighten, Alabama, is seen receiving the Purple Heart, awarded to her posthumously in honor of her husband who was killed in action while on a flight mission over Italy last June. Presenting the award at formal ceremonies at the Tuskegee Army Air Field is Colonel Noel F. Parrish, Commanding Officer of the famous home of Negro fighter pilots. A graduate of Booker T. | U. S. AAF Photo by Training Command)

Washington High School in Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Laird, who is the former Miss Annie E. Motley of Tuskegee, Alabama, has three brothers serving in the armed forces. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augusta Motley of Tuskegee, Alabama. She was married to the young pilot while he was receiving his training at this station .- (Official

State Federation Of Colored Women's Clubs In 36th Annual Meet Nov. 2-3

all parts of the state will be in prominent among which are a Jackson next week to attend the school for Negro Delinquents, 36th annual meeting of the Missis- Statewide Recreational Program, sippi State Federation of Colored with a training school at Oakley Women's Clubs, November 2nd and and Recreational Center at Clinton 3rd. According to Mrs. M. M. Hubert, President of the Federation, in these fields. the sessions will be held at Central ME Church on North Farish St.

The program schedule provides for a meeting of the Executive Board at 9:30 a. m. a general session Thursday, November 2nd, with Two Crystal Springs a program by the Jackson City Federation, Thursday night. A a program of special feature at Alcorn Alumni 3:30 p. m. with a program by the Junior Federation Friday night.

The principal speaker of the injured when the automobile in meeting will be Miss Jane E. Hunwhich they were riding collided ter of Cleveland, Ohio, who will speak Friday night. Miss Hunter road crossing on Hi-way 80 in East has achieved national fame through her welfare work in Cleveland, Ohio, where she founded the Phillis both men were so seriously injured Wheatley Home for working girls. that neither were expected to live. Her autobiography, "A nickle and a However, in a report from the hos- Prayer" published in 1940 has been pital early Sunday afternoon, they widely read all over the country.

Capt. Allen L. Johnson, Local Army Chaplain, Receives Second Wounds

Captain Allen L. Johnson, Chap- troops on the Italian front. lain in the U. S. Army, has been wounded in action again, this being of the Purple Heart for wounds rethe second time, according to a ceived while serving in the South-War Department notification re- west Pacific. He returned to active ceived here by his parents, Rev. duty after serving in the European. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson, of 830 S. theatre. Rose street. The message said that he was wounded on October 7, and gave no further details. It did say, however, that in the event his pres- have three children, two boys and Mrs. C. D. Thompson, \$25; P. B. to prosecute after an investigation ent conditions changed, the family a girl, Marcia. Allen L. Jr., and Bowles, \$87; O. W. Sanders, \$100; by the FBI, according to Attorney

would be notified immediately. At the same time word was rewhile on a recent visit to Negro Brandon and Edwards.

Captain Johnson also is a holder

Captain Johnson is the husband of Mrs. Vanilla Johnson, who re- M. J. Lyells and Ruby Lyells, \$230; sides with his parents here. They W. B. Nelson, \$104; Q. L Toler, \$55; Alleyne. Captain Johnson attended school at Rust College, Clark Colceived here that Captain Johnson lege, and Gammon Theological was decorated for Gallantry in ac- Seminary before entering the Army tion by Lt. Gen. Marks N. Clark, as a chaplain. He was pastor of who awarded him the silver star, the Methodist Churches at Bolton,

YWA Rendered A Patriotic Program The Mississippi State Federation

of Colored Women's Clubs holds a unique place in Mississippi. Its as tangible evidence of their efforts branches of the Armed Forces.

The Federation program fosters better race relations, providing a medium through which whites and Negroes may work together in the olution of a common problem.

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Complete Memorial Fund Drive

ALCORN, Miss. — In a brief session of the Alumni Association of Alcorn College last week, J. H Mosley, the president, announced that the drive had ended for raising funds to erect a Memorial to the late Levi J. Rowan, an alumnus were reported to be resting well Miss Hunter is president of the and president of the college for 26 years, until his death in June, 1934. According to W. B. Nelson, executive secretary, the contract for the erection on the campus of a life-size bronze statute of Dr. Rovean has been let to the A. J. Martin Company, of Vicksburg, Miss. Work on the \$1600 project is being delayed because of difficulty in securing priority ratings for materi-

At the annual meeting of the association last May, the following persons who had pledged themselves to complete the Rowan Memorial Fund reported as follows:

and P. W. Hill, \$82. Graduates and friends of both races from coast to coast have made ing as contributions to the Rowan Memor- crime. ial Fund. A complete list of these donors is being compiled by the been named in the case, but the

rendered: Mistress of ceremony, Negro National Anthem, congrega-

The following programme was tion; benediction.

rendered a patriotic programme at JACKSON, Miss - Women from history embraces many movements, Mt. Calvary Church, corner of gation as far as possible into Lunch and Poindexter Street. This programme was given in honor of

> Mrs. B. T. McKinney; Song, America, congregation; pledge; song, God Bless America, congregation; Song, volved in the Twelfth Naval District volved in the working condibie Jubiter; song, Battle Hymn of congregation; presentation of flag; District; Miss J. Overstreet, spiritual, Ain't gregation; offering; remarks by the nition regularly were Negroes pastor, Rev. W. P. Whitfield; song, with the exception of their offi-

On October 23, 1944, the YWA

ditions immediately prior to the the young men that have left this alleged refusal to obey orders, rechurch and joined the different sulting in the present trial. of course, realize it would be im possible to make a thorough investigation since I am a civilian. There are many factors in-

First Verse, Sweet Hour of Prayer; which could not be brought out United War Funds Campaign congregation; scripture, Mrs. Rob- in the court martial. Republic, congregation; remarks by sufficient facts involved to warpresident, Miss P. C. Turner; solo, rant a thorough and complete When the War is Over, Mr. Elires investigation by your office as Smith; reading, Miss Juanita Over- to the following conditions, which street; song, Star Spangled Banner, existed in the Twelfth Naval "1. Why is it that the only Gonna Study War No More, con- Naval personnel loading ammu-

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Biddle Gives Case To State Officials

The brutal, lynch-killing of Isaac Simmons, 66-year-old IN HANDS OF GRAND JURY preacher in Amite County, Miss., last March, which did not come to a grand jury in Amite County, light until this past August, was which opened its term Monday a declared to be outside the jurisdic- week ago. Mystery surrounds the tion of the Department of Justice General Biddle last week.

Four white Mississippians have Dept. of Justice says "there is

By HARRY McALPIN | not sufficient evidence to permit the Department of Justice to enter the case.

The case is now in the hands of failure of four Negro witnesses to appear to testify before the grand jury. One of the witnesses was son of the slain minister who had filed Mr. Biddle referred to the kill- an affidavit with the NAACP in "a particularly revolting August setting forth the lurid de-Nebraska governor, George L. Sheltails of the slaying.

Sheriff Wiley Smith, of Amite County, is reported to have said

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Serving Country Somewhere In Belgium

THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF

NAVAL MUTINY CHARGE ASKED



stake, Mr. Marshall said in his Forrestal, "In addition to attend-Before going to the Army, Sgt. gium.'

The above photo is that of Sgt. | Johnson was the assistant manager Bill Johnson, popular young Jack- of the Advance Cleaners. Accordsonian, the son of Mrs. Amanda ing to a recent letter to his mother he is now serving with the European Johnson, of 901 South Rose Street. Invasion Forces "somewhere in Bel-

War Funds Committee Stages Big Free Program And Mass Meeting At Lanier High School On Monday Night

RECEIVE \$19,533 FROM FUND

Committee will stage a large ed purpose on the part of each to free program and Mass Meeting at make known to the public that night, Prof. I. S. Sanders, chairman Funds. of the Drive Committee was joined W. Miller, Prof. M. M Hubert, E W. Banks, Percy Greene, Jack Young, Dr C. B. Christian, James

White and a number of other prominent leaders in planning The Negro Division of the local program and Mass Meeting. In the meeting, there was a unit-

the Lanier High School Auditorium there is no connection between the on Monday night, October 30, the United War Funds Drive and the main purpose of the campaign and recently conducted drive to raise to gather enthusiasm which will funds for the William Johnson carry through to a successful con- Bethlehem Center. It was also clusion the effort of the committee pointed out that giving to the cento raise \$3500 vhich has been ac- ter had in no way relieved those cepted as its goal in the campaign. who gave of their obligation and In a meeting last Wednesday duty to give to the United War

In a letter from Mr. Hugh Smith President J. L. Reddix, Prof. S. general chairman of the United Community and War Funds Com-

State Republican Factions Vie For Dewey-Bricker Vote In Mississippi

SHELDON GROUP RAISES
CRY OF NEGRO WHITE
DOMINATION

JACKSON, Miss. - Mississippi's wo factions of the Republican Party are vieing for the votes of those who favor the election of Dewey and Bricker in the election for President and Vice-President of W. Howard, Veteran Negro National Republican Committeeman the State, while on the other hand is the group headed by the former

Although defeated by the Howard group in their bid for recognition

as the official Republican Party of the state at the National Party Convention in Chicago in June, the Sheldon Group, nevertheless succeeded in having their group of presidential electors placed on the state ballot along with those of the recognized Howard Group. In the arrangement of the ballot, following those of the democratic electhe United States on November 7. tors are those of the Howard On the one hand is the regular Group, with those of the Sheldon state organization headed by Perry group being the third appearing tain Johnson received his second on the ballot.

> Through newspaper advertiseent, pamphlets, letters and other methods the Republican Campaign Committee, representing the Howard faction have issued detailed

Witnesses Fail To Appear For **Lynching Case**

Mystery Shrouds Disappearance Of Slain Man's Son

LIBERTY, Miss. - (SNS) - The actual ending of the case of four slightly from the ending of PM's deliberately premature story on October 8, which anticipated a "whitewash of the four suspects

The case has not developed into a "white-wash." Instead it appears as if it will die from neglect. Four Negro vitnesses expected to testify before the grand jury hast Monday failed to appear.

NO ANSWER

Sheriff Wiley Smith said that the missing Negroes had been in the county up to a few days, but, for some reason he was at a lost to explain. He added they may have vanished to New Orleans, Memphis or someplace else in the state of

Elariage Simmons, son of Isaac Simmons, the aged victim, was supposed to be in New Orleans, the sheriff stated. He explained he had wired New Orleans asking the police to locate Simmons and to tell him that he was wanted as a witness. The sheriff said rurther that by Tuesday night he had not heard if Simmons had been found.

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Wounded Twice



The above is a photo of Captain Allen L. Johnson, the son of Rev and Mrs. L. E. Johnson of 822 S Rose Street and the husband of Mrs. Vanilla Johnson of the same address. According to a telegram from the War Department received by them here last Saturday, Capwound of the war on October 7th and has been decorated by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, with the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in action. Serving now in Italy, Captain Johnson also hold the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received while serving in teh South Pacific.